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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT NYERERE

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER  
TO PRESIDENT NYERERE: BEGIN TEXT: I HAVE JUST RECEIVED CY  
VANCE'S REPORT ON HIS MEETINGS IN LONDON CONCERNING THE  
PROPOSALS WHICH WE HAVE FORMULATED DESIGNED TO BRING IN-  
DEPENDENCE TO ZIMBABWE. WE NOW HAVE A DETAILED, COMPRE-  
HENSIVE PLAN WHICH I BELIEVE SHOULD ENABLE US TO ACCOMPLISH  
THE OBJECTIVES WHICH WE AGREED UPON DURING YOUR VISIT HERE.

IT WILL BE A FEW DAYS BEFORE WE HAVE A CONSIDERED REACTION  
FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO THE OUTLINE OF OUR  
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PLAN. CY'S REPORT ON HIS AND DAVID OWEN'S STRONG PRE-  
SENTATION OF THE PLAN TO FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA INDICATES  
TO ME, HOWEVER, THAT THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR DETERMINATION  
TO PRESS FORWARD WITH THE PLAN WAS FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY  
BOTHA.

I UNDERSTAND THE DEPTH OF YOUR CONCERN OVER THE NATURE OF

THE FUTURE ZIMBABWE ARMY. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN US ON WHAT YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED AS THE ESSENTIAL POINT: THE ARMY OF THE INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE IS

TO BE ONE OF ZIMBABWE'S OWN CHOOSING AND PREDOMINANTLY BASED ON THE PATRIOTIC FRONT FORCES.

WITH REGARD TO THE TRANSITION PERIOD, THERE CLEARLY ARE IMPORTANT POINTS ON WHICH WE NEED MORE PRECISION. CY TELLS ME THAT IN YOUR LONDON MEETING YOU AND HE CONTEMPLATED THE PRESENCE IN RHODESIA DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD OF EITHER A COMMONWEALTH OR A UN FORCE AS WELL AS THE LIBERATION FORCES AND ACCEPTABLE ELEMENTS REMAINING FROM THE PREVIOUS RHODESIAN FORCES. THESE WOULD BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE BRITISH RESIDENT COMMISSIONER--THE LATTER DIRECTLY--AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR DISPOSITION WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT BY HIM, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND THE LIBERATION FORCES' COMMANDERS. THE REPORT WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED ON YOUR MEETING WITH DAVID OWEN INDICATES A DEFINITE NEED FOR CLARIFICATION OF PRECISE TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS. I BELIEVE THAT THIS CAN BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED BY AN EARLY PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE PLAN WITH YOU AND THE OTHER FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS.

AS CY HAS INDICATED TO YOU IN LONDON, I WOULD LIKE TO  
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SEND ANDY YOUNG ALONG WITH DAVID OWEN TO MEET WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOPEFULLY THIS WEEK. MEANWHILE, YOU MAY HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE THAT WE WILL STEADFASTLY HONOR THE AGREEMENTS WHICH WE REACHED ON THE KEY ELEMENTS OF OUR PLAN WHEN YOU WERE HERE IN WASHINGTON. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.  
VANCE

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